

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of June 9, 2010 is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended as indicated above in order to make minor editorial corrections. However, no new matter has been added. Therefore, the Examiner is requested to enter the above amendments to the specification.

In view of the response to the restriction requirement filed January 27, 2010, elected claims 11-14, 18, 20 and 21 were treated in the outstanding Office Action. In this regard, the Examiner rejected claims 11-12, 18, and 20-21 as being anticipated by the WO '200 reference (WO 03/105200); and rejected claims 11, 18, and 20-21 as being anticipated by the Dai reference (U.S. publication 2003/0221612). However, the Examiner also indicated that claims 13-14 contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Consequently, the claims have now been amended as discussed below.

Independent claim 11 has now been amended so as to incorporate the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 13 and intervening claim 12. Thus, claims 12 and 13 have now been cancelled. In addition, dependent claim 14 has been amended so as to depend directly from amended independent claim 11, and rejected elected claims 18, 20, and 21 have been cancelled. Furthermore, all of the non-elected and withdrawn claims have also been cancelled. Therefore, in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 11 and dependent claim 14 are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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